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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant brings to the Examiner's attention that the following products were on sale in the United States prior to August 20, 1991:

Textile Hooks

Some textile hooks that were sold in the 1980's and earlier had small displacement volumes, as low as, e.g., 1.5×10^{-6} cubic inches (0.025 mm^3). These textile hooks (made from circular, uniform cross-section monofilaments) were of the construction shown as PRIOR ART in Fig. 6 of the specification.

Standard Mushroom

Certain mushroom-shaped fastener elements, formed by melting the ends of circular, uniform cross-section monofilaments extending from a woven base, had displacement volumes as low as about 1.6×10^{-6} cubic inches (0.025 mm^3). These mushroom-shaped elements were formed of circular monofilaments and had circular footprints, and are listed in the table in column 5 of the specification.

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Quadra-lobal Mushroom

Certain other mushroom-shaped fastener elements, formed by melting the ends of monofilaments of uniform, cross-shaped cross-section monofilaments extending from a woven base, had displacement volumes lower than 6×10^{-6} cubic inches (0.025 mm^3). These mushroom-shaped elements were of the construction now labeled as PRIOR ART in Fig. 7.

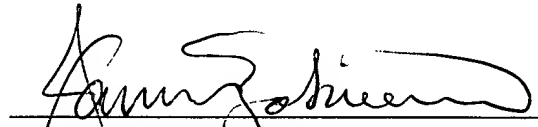
As these products are not publications and therefore not listed on the accompanying form PTO-1449, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner initial this document adjacent each of the above product descriptions and place it in the file as acknowledgement that they were considered in the examination of the pending claims.

Applicant also submits for consideration the reference enclosed and listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

This filing is being made with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination. No fee is believed to be required. Please make any charges to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 05918-005003.

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